

V. REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Germany 801 in view of Minds, Wu and Nagata. The claims are canceled and therefore the rejection as applied thereto is now moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

As indicated in the Office Action, claim 10 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 10 is amended in this manner and is therefore allowable over the applied art.

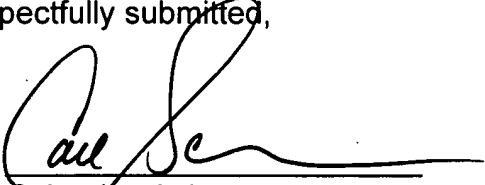
It is respectfully submitted that newly-added claims 12-15 include features already examined and allowable by the Examiner. As result, allowance of claims 12-15 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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